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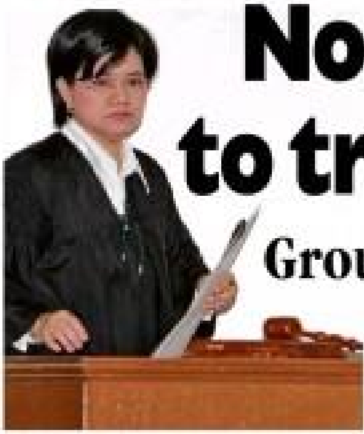
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WHEN WILL JUSTICE BE SERVED? File photo taken on Nov. 25, 2009, shows police forensic officers trying to identify the bodies of dozens of victims of the worst political violence in the Philippines' history.

No end in sight to trial of century

Groups urge speedy justice



THE JUDGE Quezon City Judge Jocelyn Solis-Reyes will mete out justice for the political atrocity that took the lives of 58 people. INQUIRER PHOTO

By Philip C. Tubeza and Julie Aurelio

THREE years after the gruesome Maguindanao massacre, proceedings against the accused in what has been described as "the trial of the century" grind at a snail's pace and have not even reached the halfway mark.

Lawyer Harry Roque, who represents families of journalists killed in the massacre, said that 91 of the 194 suspects in the case had yet to be arrested.

"If this were like climbing a 100-story building, we would still be on the 28th floor," Roque said in an interview.

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ALLEGED BRAINS: Ampatuan Sr.



LEAD ACCUSED: Ampatuan Jr.

Victims' kin fear political comeback of Ampatuans

By Philip C. Tubeza and TJ Burgonio

THE FAMILIES of journalists killed in the Maguindanao massacre are afraid that the case against the Ampatuans could become "collateral damage" in the peace deal between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a private prosecutor in the case said yesterday.

Lawyer Harry Roque said he had received reports that the Ampatuans had allied themselves with the Mangudadatu clan, which has close links to the MILF.

VICTIMS/A20

TOXIC WASTE DUMPING

SBMA to decide fate of US Navy contractor

By Robert Gonzaga
Inquirer Central Luzon

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—The Senate finding that Glenn Defense Marine Philippines Inc. violated Philippine environmental laws by dumping toxic waste into Subic Bay could put the US Navy contractor in deeper trouble with the authorities here.

The board of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) is meeting today to decide the fate of Glenn Defense, the Philippine arm of a Singapore-based company that operates in 27 countries, providing marine husbanding services.

In a joint hearing on Wednesday, the Senate committees on foreign relations and on environment and natural resources

SBMA/A11

Advocates tell House to vote on RH bill now

By Leila B. Salaverria and Christian V. Esguerra

AS TENSION escalated between reproductive health (RH) proponents in the House of Representatives over the supposed death of the bill, its advocates from other sectors yesterday stepped up calls for lawmakers to act on the measure, warning them of consequences in the 2013 elections if they failed to do so.

With only 12 session days remaining for the House, former Health Secretary Esperanza Cabral publicly appealed to lawmakers to do their job, show up on the floor, and put the crucial RH bill to a vote.

ADVOCATES/A6

3 party-list groups get SC reprieve

By Christine O. Avendaño and Philip C. Tubeza

THREE more party-list groups were given a reprieve by the Supreme Court, which directed the Commission on Elections (Comelec) on Tuesday not to disqualify the organizations from taking part in the May 2013 elections.

While the three groups got a

PARTY-LIST/A20



Awesome! US college guard scores 138 points

GRINNELL, Iowa—Even NBA superstars LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and Kevin Durant couldn't believe what 5-foot-10 sophomore guard Jack Taylor from a little-known college did on the hard court on Tuesday night.

At some point in the second half of a 179-104 victory over

AWESOME/A20



INCREDIBLE Grinnell College guard Jack Taylor lays up during the match with Faith Baptist Bible College on Tuesday in which he scored 138 points. AP PHOTO

China places disputed sea map on new e-passports

By Tarra Quismundo

THE PHILIPPINES has protested China's depiction of its claims over the entire West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) in an image of a map printed on newly issued Chinese electronic passports.

The map means the Philippines and other Southeast Asian countries with claims to territories in the sea will have to stamp the microchip-equipped passports of thousands of Chinese tourists and businessmen containing Chinese claims that they are disputing. Their stamps mean they recognize

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Hard fight over ‘sin tax’ seen

By Cathy Yamsuan

EXPECT some “hard bargaining” between senators and congressmen over the amount of excise tax to be imposed on alcohol products when Senate and House representatives meet to reconcile their versions of the sin tax bill.

Sen. Franklin Drilon, acting chair of the Senate ways and means committee, has warned that the differing targets set by the two chambers could pose some “difficulty” during the bicameral conference committee next week.

The Senate approved an increment tax of P16 billion from alcohol products, including fermented liquor like beer and distilled spirits.

The House of Representatives' version raises the tax take to only P9 billion.

“That is where we (the senators) could expect some hard bargaining … mostly on the alcohol side,” Drilon told the Kapihan sa Senado forum yesterday.

60-40 ratio

Drilon said it was important that the 60-40 ratio between tobacco and alcohol products in the sin tax bill be maintained.

If the House insists on the P9-billion target for alcohol, the ratio would be severely skewed, he said.

Told that the House ways and means chair Isidro Ungab had indicated a willingness to agree with the Senate's figure, Drilon said that was “a good starting point.”

Drilon said he expects the negotiations to be easier on the incremental tax targets for tobacco products as the difference in the two chambers' figures were “not substantial.”

The Senate version targets an additional P23.35 billion in taxes from cigarette products in 2013 while the House-approved bill sets the target at P20 billion.

Drilon said he would be “very pleased” if Ungab and company would accept the Senate-approved targets for tobacco products since senators “really went through (the sin tax bill) with a fine-toothed comb.”

He said the reconciled sin tax bill and the P2-trillion 2013 budget have to be signed into law by Nov. 28.

The Senate began deliberations on the budget yesterday.

Sen. Ralph Recto, the resigned chair of the ways and means committee, earlier said bicameral deliberations would focus primarily on the revenue gap. He noted that the Senate version seeks to raise around P40 billion in new revenues, while the House version sets a target of P31.5 billion.

House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II yesterday said the P8.5-billion revenue-target gap should pose no problem for the bill's passage.

He said House members could meet halfway, perhaps settle on half the amount, to ensure the swift ratification of the measure.

“I think it would not be difficult to find a middle ground,” he said in a phone interview.

Gonzales said the earliest that Congress can ratify the Senate report would be the first week of December.

Higher credit rating

Also yesterday Drilon said higher sin taxes could pave the way for a higher credit rating for the Philippines.

He quoted Internal Revenue Commissioner Kim Henares as saying that credit rating agencies were “waiting for (the sin tax measure) and it could be a final hurdle for our being in the investment grade.”

“If the Philippines earns an ‘investment grade’ rating, global creditors would lower interest rates on its borrowings and allow the country to realign its debt payments. It could save for social services such as health and education,” explained Drilon. With a report from Christian Esguerra

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Escape of child molester foiled

By [illegible]

[illegible] officers at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) on Monday intercepted a New Zealander who was facing a string of criminal complaints for child abuse in Davao City.

Bureau of Immigration (BI) Commissioner Ricardo David Jr. said David William Wakefield, 58, was spotted by immigration agents at NAIA Terminal 2 as he was about to board a Philippine Airlines flight to Singapore.

David said Wakefield, who is a convicted sex offender in his country, was held due to an immigration "lookout bulletin" issued against him last Nov. 14 on orders of Justice Secretary Leila de Lima.

The Davao City regional trial court has already issued a warrant of arrest against the New Zealander, who is currently under the joint custody of the National Bureau of Investigation and Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking.

David, in a statement, commended the immigration officers at the NAIA for their "vigilance in preventing the flight of an undesirable alien."

According to the BI, Wakefield is the subject of six criminal complaints filed before the city prosecutor's office in Davao City.

The cases involved two girls, aged 10 and 12, whom Wakefield allegedly forced to have sex with him at a hotel in Davao on Oct. 22.

The victims recounted that a lesbian picked them up at a public market in Kidapawan City and accompanied them to Davao where they were later forced to have sex with Wakefield at the hotel room.

Alan Cayetano won't sit in judgment of big sister

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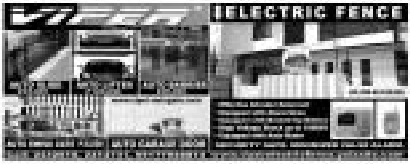
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'Volcano waiting to explode'





DOJ to probe Pagcor on alleged $5M playoff

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25% hike in new HIV cases noted















DOLPHINS SHOW Animal rights advocates with dolphin headgear hold a picket in front of the Bureau of Fisheries in Quezon City to demand a stop to the re-export of dolphins to Singapore. The dolphins, some of which are already in the Resorts World in Singapore, are subject of an ongoing court case.

Mayors seek moratorium exemption for mining firm

SIOCON, Zamboanga del Norte—Officials of three municipalities in the Zamboanga Peninsula have warned President Aquino of an impending economic downturn if a mining company which has been operating in the area for decades is forced to shut down its operation next year.

The municipalities of Siocon and Baliguian in Zamboanga del Norte and RT Lim in Zamboanga Sibugay, which are located in the vicinity of the mining operations of TVI Resource Development (Phils.) Inc., an affiliate of a Canadian mining company, are largely dependent on the local taxes, employment, and delivery of basic social services that the company has been providing local residents for almost a decade now.

In their letters of appeal to the President, Mayors Cesar C. Soriano of Siocon, Gesi Sanali of Baliguian town and Michael A. Piodena of RT Lim said the imminent adverse impact on their economies can only be avoided if President Aquino will grant a special exemption from Executive Order No. 79 that would allow TVIRD to expand its mining agreement to a property adjacent to its present mining site.

They said a satellite ore deposit existing within trucking distance from the TVIRD's Canatuan project could potentially add several years of mine life to the operation—if the company would be allowed to access it.

On the other hand, all the 25 barangay captains of Siocon, in their appeal to President Aquino, expressed fears that "unless the special exemption is approved, TVIRD will be forced to shut down its operation and with it, all assistance and support to the community, including the maintenance of infrastructure such as the provincial road, the countless farm-to-market roads, bridges and spillways, livelihood projects, etc."

Peace and order

In addition, Soriano expressed concern over the possible stoppage in the maintenance of security along the region's roads, provided by TVIRD. "The security support provided by the company to us aids in maintaining peace and order and security in the area," he said.

TVIRD operates a copper zinc mining inside the ancestral domain of the indigenous Subanon tribe in Canatuan, Siocon in Zamboanga del Norte and expects to cease operations at the end of its mine life in the middle of next year.

However, it has identified significant copper deposits in the nearby area in Malusok, Baliguian town and applied to operate the site since last year.

The Subanons, who own the land under the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title, gave their consent to the application on May 15, 2011.

DOST seeks budget hike vs disasters

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Department of Science and Technology is seeking a ₱5.69-billion budget for 2012, which is 8 percent higher than the ₱5.268 billion that the agency used this year, to increase government's ability to reduce the risk of seasonal disasters.

The budget will support the operations and programs of the DOST central office and 16 regional offices as well as 19 attached bureaus, councils and units, Undersecretary Carol Yorobe said after the opening of the South Luzon cluster science and technology (S&T) fair and exhibits here.

At least ₱1.6 billion has been earmarked for climate change and disaster management research and technological buildup, with the Pagasa (Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration) and Phivolcs (Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology) set to receive ₱1.4 billion and ₱237 million, respectively, according to Aban Reyes, DOST budget and finance director.

Reyes said the agency's educational scholarship budget was increased to ₱1.3 billion.

Yorobe said the budget for technology and product upgrading assistance to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) has increased from ₱400 million to ₱500 million.

She said the agency is helping 2,800 registered SMEs engaged in food production, metals and engineering, agriculture, aquamarine, information and communication technology, and pharmaceuticals. *Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon*

Customs clears cargo forwarder

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE BUREAU of Customs has cleared 2GO Express Inc., a cargo forwarder whose accreditation had been briefly revoked by the Philippine Shippers Bureau amid complaints mainly from overseas Filipino workers about undelivered balikbayan boxes.

In an advisory, Customs Commissioner Ruffy Biazon yesterday said the Pasay City-based company had been removed from the agency's watch list.

"Upon verification and confirmation of 2GO Express Inc.'s exclusion from the Philippine Shippers Bureau's roster of blacklisted cargo forwarders, the Bureau of Customs has effective immediately deleted 2GO Express Inc. from its watch list," Biazon said.

The PSB is a Department of Trade and Industry-attached agency.

Biazon said "earlier reports that mentioned 2GO Express Inc. as one of the Philippine agents and freight forwarders blacklisted by the PSB and the BOC stemmed from the Oct. 14 PSB Cargo Forwarders Blacklist that was distributed by PSB Director Victorio Mario Dimagiba during the Oct. 15 Kapihan sa Aduana media forum of the Customs Press Corps. Dimagiba was one of the guests during that forum."

"As clarified by the PSB, 2GO Express was included in its list of blacklisted freight forwarders as of Oct. 12. However, it was taken off the list on Oct. 14 after it complied with certain requirements. According to PSB officials, 2GO Express, upon its request, was issued a Certificate of Good Standing on Nov. 14," Biazon said.

2GO Express counsel Virgilio Lagunilla furnished the Bureau a copy of the PSB certification, where Dimagiba and the company "has been removed from the blacklisted Philippine agents and freight forwarder companies [and] formal charges by this office for having complied with all the requirements for accreditation."

"As such, 2GO Express Inc. is in good standing and may transact business with the BOC and other government and private offices effective Oct. 14," Dimagiba added.

The PSB had also cleared four other freight-forwarding firms for taking swift action on the complaints of their customers.

On Oct. 20, it accredited anew Wide Wide World Express, LCDS Express Movers, Inc., MC Plus Inc. and Transwork Global Philippines Inc.

Ateneo de Zambo is 100

GRADUATES of the Ateneo de Zamboanga University will celebrate the school's 100th founding anniversary with a grand homecoming on Dec. 7-9 in Zamboanga City.

Founded in 1912, the Jesuit-run university in Western Mindanao launched a year-round celebration of its centennial celebration on the eve of the Feast of Saint Ignatius de Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, on July 31, with the theme "Living 100 Years of Excellence, Spirituality and Citizenship."

This year's golden jubilarians are the high school graduates of 1961.

The university will honor Deputy Speaker Ma. Isabelle G. Climaco as "Most Outstanding Alumna in the Field of Legislation." The Zamboanga City congresswoman graduated Bachelor of Science major in English in 1986.

She is one of the principal authors of the Magna Carta of Women, the law that seeks to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women.

Ateneo de Zamboanga president Fr. Antonio "Tony" Moreno S.J. urged the university's graduates in the Philippines and around the world to come home and have fun in celebrating this historic occasion.

For details, call Alumni Relations director Ms. Christine Gabunal at (62) 9910871 or 991-0871 loc. 4000, or email ([illegible]).

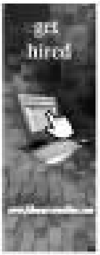
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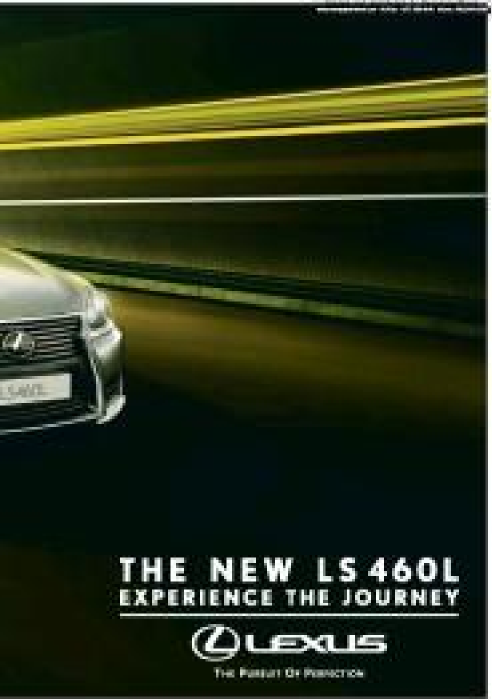











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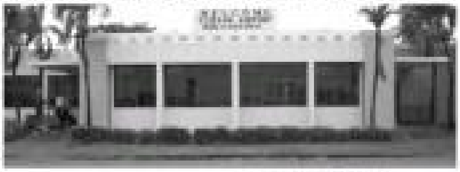








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Across the NATION

COA securing fishermen's affidavits

Men named as beneficiaries in ghost Malampaya-DAR project fear cases

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The Commission on Audit (COA) is sending a team to Masantol, Pampanga, to receive the affidavits of fishermen who were used in what appears to be a ghost project of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) which led to the loss of at least P89 million of government shares in the Malampaya gas project in Palawan.



UMBRELLA GALORE

NBI agent found dead in airport car park

Quezon tax campaign leads to new income levels

Mining blast: 3 dead, more casualties feared



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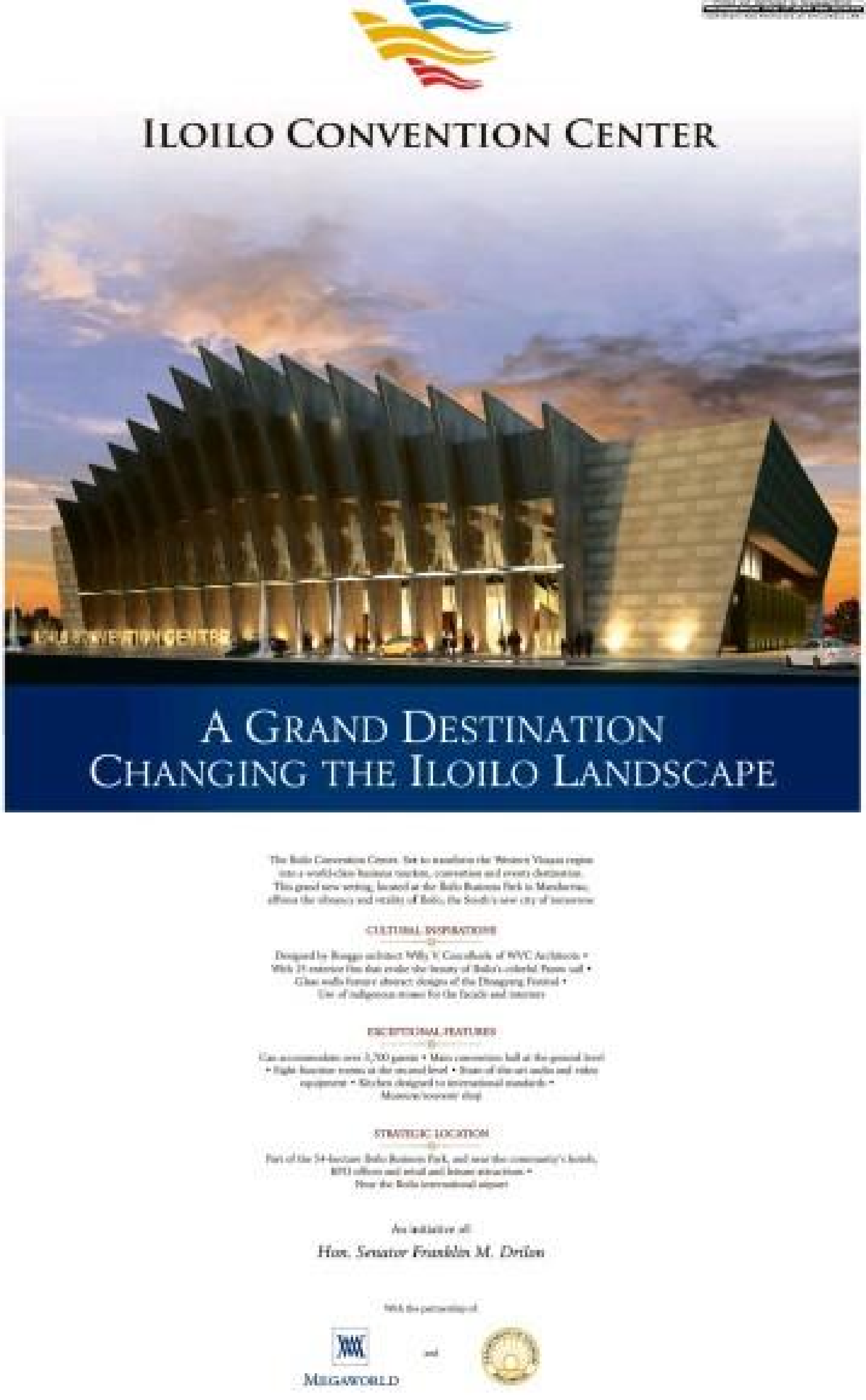
Bounty hunters making search for 92 suspects more difficult



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DID YOU KNOW

Lawyer shields Mikey aide on 'shabu' Pajero

THE FORMER chief of staff of Ang Galing Pinoy party-list Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo let his lawyer do the talking in a bid to clear his name a day after it cropped up in connection with a P50-million drug bust in Makati City, in which a government vehicle lent to him in 2008 yielded nine kilos of "shabu."



ALMEDA in one of his Facebook photos

Bullied? Counseling now a phone call away; 'Amalayer girl' welcome

THE "AMALAYER girl" may be just a phone call away from counseling.

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Bullied?

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Australia denies refugee policy failure

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Rwanda commanding, supporting Congo rebel force, UN report says



The WORLD

Wary Israel-Hamas truce takes hold

CAIRO—Under intense Egyptian and American pressure, Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas halted eight days of bloody conflict on Wednesday, averting a full-scale Israeli ground invasion of the Gaza Strip without resolving the underlying disputes.



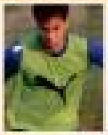
TIME TO GO HOME An Israeli soldier prays atop a tank at an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) staging area by the central Gaza border on Nov. 22. A ceasefire between Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers took hold on Thursday after eight days of conflict, although deep mistrust on both sides cast doubt on how long the Egyptian-sponsored deal can last.

New York Times News Service

Tehran exults over Iranian missiles used in Gaza fight

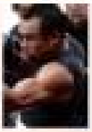
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San Mig, Meralco try to bounce back today

By Musong R. Castillo

Tigers, Lions target 2-0 PCCL lead

By Jasmine W. Payo

ADT money title a cinch for Bayron



PH booters have unfinished business in Bangkok

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Hopes still high for Azkals

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POC body defers GTK decision

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Folayang set to defend URCC title

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Percy D. Della



Zambo lifters grab limelight

By Marc Anthony Reyes



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'Spartans' derby at PCC



Ace karter CJ posts impressive finishes

Gems dazzle Bakers

By Jasmine W. Payo



A BULKED-UP Juan Manuel Marquez trains for his fourth fight against Manny Pacquiao on Dec. 8 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

TARGET: BODY

Marquez looking for KO

Romasanta reaction

In Huddle



Beth Celis

Santa Cruz waives Aguilar, offers 'practice' deal

Hagdang Bato leads tough Marho race field

Racing Tips

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At Santa Ana Park

SPORTS



OKLAHOMA City Thunder forward Kevin Durant (left) gets fouled by Los Angeles Clippers center Ryan Hollins as he soars for a basket.

Thunder apply brakes on Clippers' streak

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Santa Cruz waives Aguilar, offers 'practice' deal

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San Andres out to cement latest title

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KENNETH San Andres sets his sights on an Asian crown.

SBC scores WCSA opening victories

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BUSINESS

Economy's pace lifts Q4 sentiment

Businesses factor in prospects of credit rating upgrade for PH

BUSINESS sentiment for the fourth quarter improved due to prospects of an investment rating for the Philippines in the near term, the economy's favorable growth performance, and expectation that household spending will remain strong.

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

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Shares slightly dip

Discredited credit rating

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BRT seen to make difference in costs, hassles

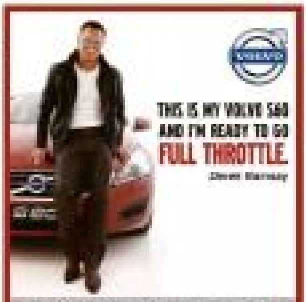
Gov't now considers road space to be 'a scarce resource'

Philex loses ₱1-B appeal, ordered to settle penalty

'12 budget gap may settle below ceiling

Shares slightly dip

CSI



Amid urban bustle, *a serene sanctuary*

By Charlee E. Bolsen

It can easily be said that Quezon City, the country's former capital, is one of the busiest and most upbeat cities today. It is home to top universities and colleges, the largest shopping malls and leisure establishments, and well-known industrial hubs. Quirino Avenue, in the northern part of Quezon City, is definitely no exception as it is a major thoroughfare that connects to EDSA and to Mindanao Avenue (which now has a direct access to the North Luzon Expressway as well as the Edsa-North Avenue) and is surrounded by restaurants and shopping establishments.

With all these activities brewing, it may seem that there can be no space for rest and relaxation in this part of the metropolis. But through its newest premier condominium development Suntrust Shanata, Suntrust Properties, Inc., a subsidiary of property giant Megaworld Corporation, is going to make available a peaceful and convenient lifestyle very different from Quezon City's usual whirlwind mode of living.

"Just as its name suggests, Shanata— which is a Sanskrit word for tranquility, peacefulness and quietness— is patterned after a spa resort. Since most people enter spas to find relaxation or distraction from the pressures and stresses of daily life, we decided Shanata should also provide a similar refuge for its residents," described Suntrust Properties president Atty. Harrison M. Paltongan.

Paltongan shared that within its gates, Shanata promises to make its residents feel that they have completely left the noise and tension of the outside world, as effortlessly as shedding off their work clothes.

Blocking out traffic noise

"Suntrust Properties promises that from the moment the residents pass through Shanata's cascading waterfalls at the entrance gate, they will feel like they have entered a different world. They will be greeted by a splendid avenue of trees shading a central promenade that cuts through the streamlined shape of the land. Moreover, privacy and tranquility are assured as the community is designed to minimize the outside urban view as well as the traffic noise. This way, homeowners can focus their attention to the lush tropical foliage and the modern Asian-inspired buildings before them," described Paltongan.

Suntrust Properties has decided to devote 30 percent of Shanata's 3.34-hectare lot area to the cultivation of trees and lush greenery. The amenities area and all twelve mid-rise clusters have also been positioned away from the main road to further lessen the impact of the noise and pollution.

Suntrust Shanata is composed of 12 clusters with Sanskrit-inspired names - Atisha (protected), Amaz (infinite joy), Dania (calm), Daiana (daughter of the sun), Kanisha (beautiful life), Karana (home), Leena (ray of light), Lanali (love), Hiran (spirit), Nilapa (heaven), Salma (peace) and Serena (serenity). The project offers a total of 1,752 units.

"The advantage of having a low-density residential community like Shanata is that there will be no crowding in the amenities, along corridors and other common areas. The sense of community is cherished, privacy and security are assured," promised Paltongan.

The clusters are also of varying heights ranging from six, eight, ten to twelve levels. This play of heights gives additional emphasis on the Modern Asian design of the project and lends an additional homey character. This also allows for the maximization of natural light and air circulation.

Proud design

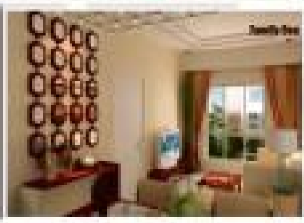
Even after successfully completing numerous horizontal subdivisions and five vertical residential communities, Paltongan is especially proud of Shanata because this would define Suntrust's image in the vertical market adopting a distinctive Modern Asian concept. He said the modern Asian touch is a perfect design idea for a project like Shanata. "Modern Asian combines the old and the new. Reminiscent of the bahay kubo, each unit offers a balcony as well as large windows that provide that roomy feeling and lots of natural light into all areas of the house. Ventilation is excellent—thanks to the modern layout. And with modern materials like concrete and steel, our residents will be assured of a home that lasts for decades," he explained.

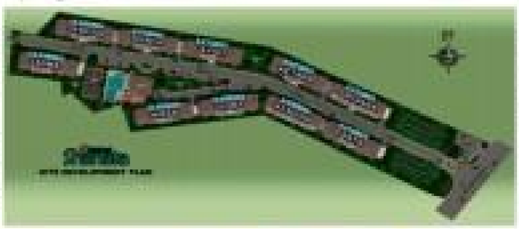
Shanata offers studio units with a total floor area of 26.7 square meters, including a 3.3-square meter balcony. Also available are 2-bedroom units with 35 square meters floor area, and

Suntrust Shanata


Grand Entrance


2-Bedroom Living & Dining Area


Family Room


Site Development Plan


25-meter lap pool





2-bedroom units with 57 square meters. Combination of several units may also be allowed should the buyer opt for a much bigger home space.

First impression

With Shanata, Suntrust Properties would like to make a good first impression. "We made sure that we will be offering better and bigger units at much more competitive packages. While comparable projects would sell theirs at around P100,000 per square meter, we are selling ours at around P60,000. Thus, a 26 sq.m studio would only cost around P1.6 million while a 35 sq.m. 2-bedroom unit would only cost around P2 million. We also have several payment options, the most affordable would even allow our buyer to just pay less than P5,000 a month," shared Paltongan.

Because Suntrust Shanata is geared towards providing relaxation and peace of mind to its residents, Suntrust Properties also included a meditation garden as well as a reflexology walking path (which features smooth stones embedded in concrete with one edge sticking up or lying flat). This walking path is meant to promote health and boost one's vitality.

Aside from the clubhouse, Shanata planners will also include a multipurpose hall equipped with gym, function rooms, and spa; a swimming pool with paved sunbathing and pool deck.

"Shanata residents will also enjoy a standby power generator for the common and other selected areas, as well as overhead water tank and underground cistern for continuous water supply," added Paltongan.

Serene sanctuary

"Shanata may seem similar to our current and already completed developments in terms of amenities and features, but what defines this community from the rest is the fact that its design is primarily geared towards providing future residents with amenities and project features that would allow them to relax, rejuvenate and re-balance their entire being from the stressful hustle and bustle of city life," promised Paltongan.

Since its inception in 1997, Suntrust has created numerous self-sustaining residential communities in Dasmariñas, Gen. Trias, and Silang in Cavite, and in Calamba, Laguna. While the company is also slowly making a name for itself in condominium developments around Metro Manila, Paltongan said Suntrust will go on creating unique developments similar to Shanata.

"We are no longer just developers of affordable homes. We have combined well-thought-out designs that focus on space-saving and functionality features, and turned them into sustainable, master-planned communities. We also make sure that we deliver only the highest standard of comfort and style," said Paltongan.

For Paltongan, Shanata would be a strong testament of how far Suntrust Properties has progressed in achieving its objectives. "This year will definitely be very exciting for Suntrust as we lay the groundwork for a successful, high-growth future. Homebuyers can expect Shanata's first two clusters to be turned over in the next three years," added Paltongan.

With this promise, future homeowners need not wait very long to experience the serene and convenient lifestyle that can only be experienced at Suntrust Shanata.

For further details or inquiries on this new premier development, interested parties may call **(02)856-7015 to 27 or visit www.suntrust.com.ph.**

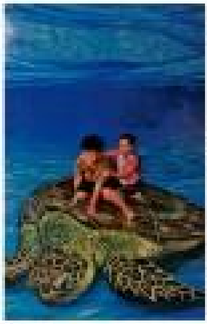
BUSINESS *Friday*

Marketing Buzz









Check out Tutuban after the fire

CAPITALIZING on Filipinos' penchant for taking photos and sharing them on social media sites, publicly listed Prime Orion Philippines Inc. has opened a virtual zoo at the Tutuban Center in Manila.

> It also aims to 'pre-market' a plan to convert the cinema area into a recreation site







PLDT Fibr raffles off 100 tickets to J.Lo concert



'Should we enter Indonesia and Vietnam with our local OTC brand like Unilab did?'

MARKETING RX

Dr. Ned Roberto & Ardy Roberto

Bread and cake seminar

Meralco partners with DOT, LGUs for Maliwanag ang Pasko 2012

More community schools to benefit from campaign



Meralco Chairman Manny V. Pangilinan and Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez join LGU officials and top Meralco executives in a show of unity for their Maliwanag ang Pasko partnership.

This year, Christmas is definitely brighter and more fun in the Philippines.

The Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) recently formalized its partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and select local government units (LGUs) for Maliwanag ang Pasko (MAP) 2012 in an effort to bring light and Yuletide cheers to more communities.

Started in 2006, MAP is a corporate social responsibility (CSR) program which supports various social causes with the help of the distribution utility's partners and customers.

In 2011, Meralco engaged its customers through an online photo sharing initiative which helped provide educational support to 1,000 underprivileged school children. The utility also partnered with private and public organizations to help facilitate the electrification of six public elementary schools in Isla Verde, a remote island in Batangas.

In 2012, Meralco and its social arm – One Meralco Foundation (OMF) – team up with DOT to bring the gift of light to more communities, particularly those in remote areas of the country.



Meralco Chairman Manny V. Pangilinan and Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez share their thoughts on the Maliwanag ang Pasko partnership.

"This partnership is strategic for us because it allows us to turn Metro Manila into a premiere tourist destination. Filipinos do Christmas the best," DOT Secretary Ramon Jimenez said during the official launch of MAP 2012.

"We celebrate it the longest. We celebrate it the best. Christmas turns our country into the biggest and brightest star in the world," he added.





Meralco Chairman Manny V. Pangilinan — Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez

Meralco Chairman Manny V. Pangilinan recognized the gains and opportunities from their collaboration with DOT. "Their support has surpassed our expectations. We look forward to strengthening this partnership," he said.

Meralco has also tapped into the LGU network to help spread the advocacy. A total of 27 municipalities have signified their commitment to light up their own Liwanag Parks. Each LGU will receive a MAP "parol" and a starter kit of Christmas lights.

Among the distinguished guests present during the launch were Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla and wife Cheys, Marikina City Mayor Del de Guzman, San Rafael, Bulacan Mayor Lorna Silverio and Binangonan, Rizal Mayor Boyet Ynares.

Commercial and private establishments such as [illegible], Filinvest, SM Mall of Asia and Eastwood City have also committed to light up their own Liwanag Parks. Fine arts students from the University of the Philippines in Diliman have taken their own brand of MAP art inside the Meralco compound.

Meralco Senior Vice President Alfredo S. Panlilio, who heads Customer Retail Services and Corporate Communications, explained that Liwanag Parks bring families and communities together in a "collective celebration of our culture and our shared vision for a brighter country."

He said Meralco customers can also participate in the campaign by going to the Meralco Facebook page, downloading the MAP application and uploading photos of their lighted homes. From December 1 to 22, two winners will be selected and awarded P5,000.00 each daily.



Meralco SVP Al Panlilio explains how Meralco customers can take part in the Liwanag Parks campaign.

Meanwhile, OMF President and Meralco Chief CSR Officer Jeffrey O. Tarayao revealed bigger and brighter plans for MAP beneficiaries. "OMF will continue its commitment of energizing public schools in the remotest villages and in island schools around the country," he said.



OMF President Jeff Tarayao shares how MAP helps underprivileged youth ensure a brighter future.

"With your support, we will energize schools from Cagbalete Island in Mauban, Quezon; to Linapacan and El Nido Islands in Northern Palawan; Jetafe and Buenavista Islands in Bohol; and in Dinagat Islands," he noted.

"By lighting up your homes, visiting the numerous Liwanag Parks and posting your pictures on Facebook, you help carry the light to these remote island schools, ensuring that nobody is left behind when our bright tomorrow comes," he added.

For more information about MAP 2012, visit Meralco's official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/meralco.



Local officials including (seated from left) Binangonan Mayor Boyet Ynares, San Rafael Mayor Lorna Silverio, Marikina Mayor Del de Guzman and Cheys Cabal-Revilla, representing Bacoor Mayor Strike Revilla, sign the partnership with Meralco and DOT in the presence of Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez, Meralco Chairman Manny V. Pangilinan, Meralco SVP Al Panlilio and OMF President Jeff Tarayao.

MAP 2012 LGU Partners

- Mandaluyong City
- Quezon City
- Jala-Jala, Rizal
- Baras, Rizal
- Angono, Rizal
- Binangonan, Rizal
- Dolores, Quezon
- Plaridel, Bulacan
- Angat, Bulacan
- Bulacan, Bulacan
- Baliwag, Bulacan
- Sta. Maria, Bulacan
- San Rafael, Bulacan
- Cabuyao City
- Cavite City
- Carmona, Cavite
- Bacoor, Cavite
- San Juan City
- Marikina City
- Pasig City
- Pasay City
- Taguig City
- Makati City
- Batangas City
- Antipolo City (Cainta)
- Nagcarlan, Laguna

MAP 2012 Corporate Partners

- [illegible]
- Filinvest
- SM Mall of Asia
- Eastwood City

Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes Adds Another Tower To Its Family-friendly Enclave









BUSINESS



PNB posts 92.5% growth in 9-month profit









Gov't sees big interest savings on foreign loans due to strong peso

Proposed gov't takeover of MRT line up for Palace OK



MANILA WATER BAGS 7 AWARDS IN THE PHILIPPINE QUILL



A Cornerstone of the Hyundai Dealer Network - Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI), the official distributor of Hyundai vehicles in the country, and Esjay Auto Group, one of the four pioneering dealers of HARI, signed the Memorandums of Agreement for the Hyundai Fairview Quezon City and Hyundai Cabanatuan City dealerships last October 30, 2012. (L to R) Hyundai Cabanatuan President, Alejandrino Alexis S. San Juan; Hyundai Commonwealth President, Atty. Anna Lyne San Juan-Ponferrada; Esjay Auto Group Chairman, Amando S. San Juan; and HARI President and CEO, Ma. Fe Perez Agudo.

GOINGS-ON

BDO inks loan refinancing deal

BPO towers at Centris

Iloilo City Convention Center

Cement education from the experts



Bidding for hydropower sites deferred

Chevron, Bosch group sign agreement

PNB posts 92.5% growth in 9-month profit

Helping coconut farmers

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PNOC urged to offer pipeline up for bids

Batangas-Manila 1 pipeline project to boost country's natural gas sector

FirstMetroSec gearing up its online trading platform

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Philippines cuts '12 mining investment target

New goal down to $509M from original $2.27B, says MGB

Sales of tablets, PCs in SE Asia rose in first 9 months, says GfK

PH 2nd fastest growing bond market in East Asia as of Q3, says ADB

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty

How young designers find inspiration in an age-old problem–lack of fabrics

By Chacha V. Moral

A NEW breed of Filipino fashion designers is finding ways to work around an age-old issue—lack of fabrics—that has nagged a generation of designers before them.

Bag designer balances showstoppers with utilitarian pieces

Amina Aranaz-Alunan realizes the need to heed customer demand



NAUTILUS shell evening clutch

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

How young designers find inspiration in an age-old problem—lack of fabrics







They distress, burn, pleat, laser-cut, fray, strip or excoriate—'Fabric manipulation is a good way to make a very interesting dress without it becoming tacky'







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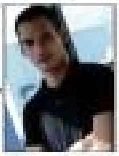
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Bag designer balances showstoppers with utilitarian pieces

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Aranaz-Alunan. She introduces sculpture through purses, bangles and clasps that echo the forms of seashells and Dali's lobsters.

Due to the scarcity of hardware in the country, she worked with a metalsmith to produce detailed shapes. She also collaborated with a sculptor who works for her father's Christmas decor export business, to produce the evening bags which are works of art. The sculptor captured the spirals of the seashells and the scalloped edges of pearl oyster shells in metal. "The surrealist element also comes in the form of a hand-sculpted wooden seashell minaudiere," she says.

The Retro Seaside is a well thought-out collection, with each piece carefully conceived. Aranaz-Alunan also provides options such as baskets, handwoven totes with coconut shell, leather bags with feature details, and bangles with lobster and shell forms.

Evolving design

Women who have followed Aranaz-Alunan have observed how she has evolved. Since her mother manufactured and exported wicker bags with flowers and summer colors with leather accents, it was natural that she would get into the same business.

She recalls that her first collection included clutches made of bamboo in lime, fuchsia and purple, and little bags covered with square coconut shell pieces.

"Every time we joined the bazaar, the coconut bags would be a hit. Even today there are Instagram posts of strangers who tag me, saying that the bag with coco shell patterns in different colors and a bamboo handle was one of their favorites in college. It was fun and playful because it made a rattling sound," she says.

Ten years ago, Aranaz-Alunan took a year off to study at Instituto Marangoni in Milan. On her return, customers noticed that her bags had more chutzpah.



AMINA Aranaz-Alunan's collection spells artisanal craftsmanship.



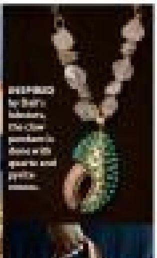
MINAUDIERE with hand-sculpted seashell shape with pearl on top



OYSTER shell with crystals and pearls on hand-carved wood



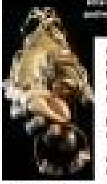
NIFTY woven bag in modernist patterns made of rice and beads



INSPIRED by Bali's lobsters, the Cim necklace is done with quartz and pyrite stones.



HANDWOVEN with wood beads



LOBSTER and shell bangles

The value of education

"When I came back from Italy, they saw the difference between pre- and post-fashion school. There was a new design vision and the collection told a story. I was more experimental, as I explored new ways to use local materials like raffia and shells. I was excited and ambitious," she said.

"Before, we would just make a basket bag with a coconut shell or leather handle. After school, I learned how to tell a story through a collection," she added.

One of her landmark collections was inspired by the Ati-Atihan festival. The Madison bag was shaped like a coconut, dripping with black sequins, feathers and fringed beads. She playfully inserted coconut shells to suggest the eyes and the smile. At first glance, it looked like a stylish bag at a party bag. When the designer pointed out the mask concept and facial features, people got it.

Another design, the beach tote bag, was outlined with gold fringes to suggest the festive headdress. For evening, she finished gold brocade clutch with a wooden frame and encrusted with stones was called "Nenas," an allusion to the fairy tales of the Sto. Niño.

"I was more into creating special evening bags. They were showstoppers," Aranaz-Alunan said.

She realized, though, that she had to cater to market demand. The clients clamored for bigger purses and day bags.

"Before, my designs was guided by my instinct. Now I'm getting closer to balancing the practical side. They say good design is about function, utility and delight. That's my goal."



Haribon Foundation benefit run set Nov. 25

What's Up

Seminar on managing osteoporosis

'The King and I' benefit show

Giordano promo

Talk on Bohol tourism



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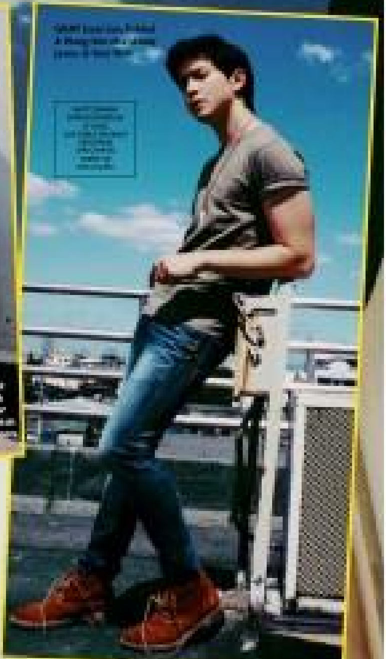
Why I'm not on *Facebook*

Why am I still friends on FB with my ex, my current girlfriend wants to know. Here's how social media can make relationships more complicated

Much ado







Chameleon

With roles ranging from heartthrob to serial killer, versatile young actor Alden Richards is showing his acting chops at a young age.

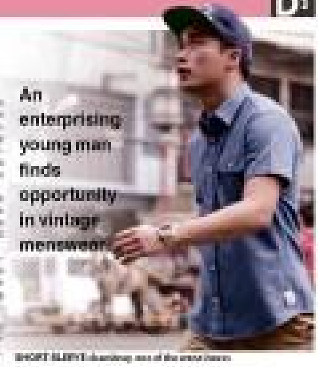




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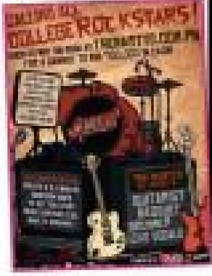


Entrepreneur in chief



An enterprising young man finds opportunity in vintage menswear

Oishi introduces a different way to rock





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Breadway Bake Haus joins Robinsons Supermarket in GT Parkplace Plaza Mall Molo, Iloilo

What was once a simple backyard bakery way back in 1990 is now a thriving bread business, supplying baked products to Negros, Bacolod and Cebu. Armed with only a dream and perseverance to make it big, Mr. Ramon G. Uy has made the name BREADWAY a household favorite.

Breadway will be joining Robinsons Supermarket again in its 2nd Iloilo store in GT Plaza Molo. Mr. Uy says of his partnership with Robinsons Supermarket, "It is a pleasure to team up with Robinsons Supermarket because it cares for the partner's business as its own."



Mr. Ramon G. Uy, the proud owner of Breadway Bake Haus gives a thumbs up for Breadway & Robinsons Supermarket.

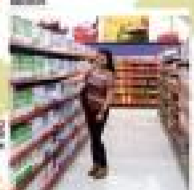
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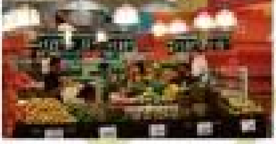
Find FNRI-certified nutritious products in one aisle at the Health and Wellness section.



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LIFESTYLE *Fashion & Beauty*

Famed makeup guru advises women to 'fall in love' to look beautiful

If not, there are always his products, says celebrity artist Francois Nars



By Cheche V Moral

Personal style

Collaborations

GLORIETTA to BREAK a WORLD RECORD







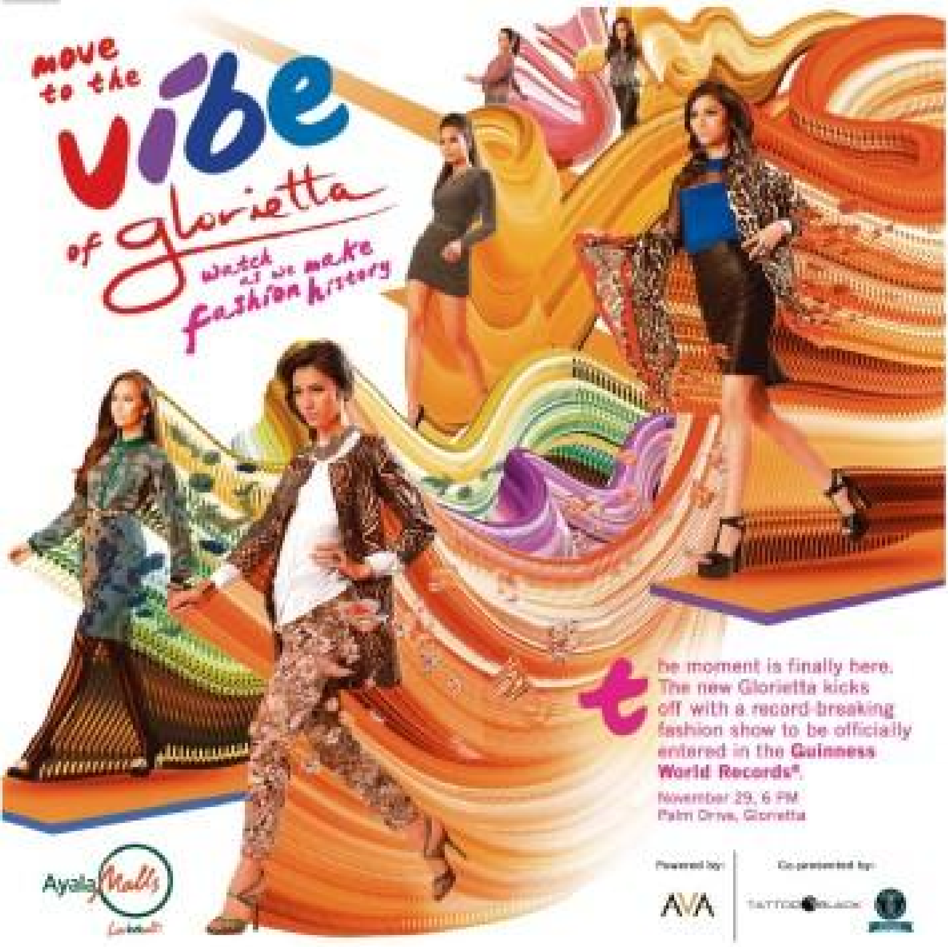
The country's premier retail destination, Glorietta sets the stage for a show that will put the country on the global fashion map with Move to the Vibe of Glorietta, a fashion show with the country's top models, celebrities, and personalities working to make history for the Philippines by beating the Guinness World Record for the most number of people on a catwalk.

Over 3,000 models will be gracing the ramp including the country's top models, celebrities and personalities such as bands **Never the Strangers**, **General Luna**, **Tanya Markova** and **Not So Fast** donning the latest collection of Glorietta merchants.

Rock on to great music with live performances by **Click Five's Kyle Patrick** and **Bamboo**. The show is jointly directed by Jackie Aquino and Robbie Carmona.

The big day is on the **29th of November, from 6PM onwards at Glorietta**. Catch it too via livestream at **www.newgloriettavibe.ava.ph**.

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AGNES Hofilena, Ching Cruz, Tina Cuevas, Marian Rivera and T. Tan


NICOLE and Manolo Ortega with daughter Natalia Ortega, Joe Umali


RICKY and Beng Dee, Ara Lim, Gian Romero


PAGCOR president Jorge Sarmiento with wife Winnie and daughter Mika, Dennis Valdes


JOY Hofilena, Rebecca Uy, Connie Haw, Aurelia Ting


RAYMOND, Anna and Charlie Rufino


ALBERT and Linda Rossmeth with daughter Ana


BHASWINDAS sisters Reshma, Neeraaj and Samma


MIRIAM Quiambao, Ernest and Adriana Co

High fashion and heartfelt charity combine at Red Charity Gala

THE PHILIPPINE National Red Cross' Red Charity Gala this year was a night of elegance and sophistication what with couturier Cary Santiago presenting his origami-inspired collection.

Santiago showed a different side of his art with his trés elegant gowns that had intricate pleating and lavish draping, which was watched from the main table in the ballroom belonging to Fila's awesome first couple, Cris Albert and Butch Albert, who were the main sponsors of the glitzy happening, *ashagan*.

Another highlight of the event was the auction for the benefit of the Red Cross and Redemption High School Batch 1980 Foundation, *noch!*

Big-ticket items included a Lanvin bag, an exquisite Jul B. Diaz jewelry ring, a pair of business-class tickets to Bangkok courtesy of Philippine Airlines, a Sun Life package, and VIP tickets to Jennifer Lopez's concert on Nov. 28, which were won by Cris Albert, but of course!

The highest bidder won the baccarat-crystal bottle of the ultra-premium Louis XIII Cognac, *ashagan*.

The very all thanks to the tireless ... of traffic-stopper Rosie Frias Valdes and philanthropist Rosie Tinga.

Red Cross' dedicated chairman Sen. Richard "Dick" Gordon, no less, welcomed the country's ... from business and commerce to the ball.

Before the main fashion show, there was ... parade presentation from Fila,



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache

Photos by Alex Van Hagen
powered by ... MAC ...

[illegible] featuring the brand's ambassadors ... Wilson, Fabio Ide and Tim Yap, ... directed by Ariel Lozada, with styling by Noel Manapat, and hair and makeup by the master Patrick Rosas, *ashagan*.

Costume ball

Beautiful people checked in at the "Opus Murder Motel" in their most colorful costumes during the Opus Halloween Ball at Resorts World, *ashagan*.

Jeb Moran ... Frank ... and Clyde ... kept the witches and ghouls dancing the whole till the morning of the ...

Opus' very own bunch of ... participated in the costume ball: GP Reyes came as ... Lewis Yuvand had ... Erik Cua was ... Marco de Guzman and Manolito Dario were ... and chef Carlo Miguel was a skeleton, would you believe?

The other guests went ... in trying too hard ... in their costumes, but they didn't make the eye-catching list, ... they go ... into their ... and fly in front of a full moon.

Models' night

Our town's hottest faces and bodies came in full glamorous force, *ashagan*, when the Professional Models Association of the Philippines (PMAP) marked its silver anniversary with "25 Years of PMAP: The Grand Reunion."

The awesome fashion happening was supported by Bond Age Manila as well as Marriott Hotel Manila, Belvedere Vodka, Bray Modal Salon ..., Century Properties, and Opus Club Lounge.

Among the features of the event was a photo exhibit showing the beauty of the Filipino and the Filipina ... entitled "Three Decades," by top photographers Ben de Leon and Jim and Miguel de Leon.

The exhibit also showed PMAP's history from its humble beginnings 25 years ago.

The organization's old and new members took part in a fashion presentation wearing the latest designs by some of the country's most promising designers. The show was directed by Jackie Aquino, *ashagan*.

Host was Eric Quizon.

Special awards were given out. Paolo and Nena Trillo were Couple of the Night, presented by Marriott Hotel Manila. Marco Gallengar and Jing Monis were Belvedere's Most Stylish Man and Most Outstanding Muse, and Danica Magpantay was Tresemmé's Most Fashionable Female.

"PMAP has been the only nonprofit organization established by models and run by models," said PMAP president Pierremelo Baranda, *ashagan*.

"The organization has continued to (work) on protecting, uplifting and professionalizing the modeling industry as well as highlighting the best that the country has to offer."

Apart that, everyone checked in Opus to party, where they got their adrenaline higher than a kite can fly. That's really partying with a vengeance. Ha ha ha, *ashagan*!


DESIGNER Cary Santiago (center) with Tessa Prieto-Valdes and Kaye Tinga

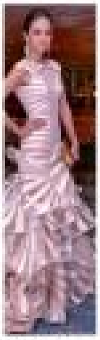

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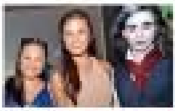

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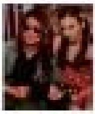

IN COSTUME: GP Reyes, Andi Manzano, chef Carlo and wife Ria Miguel


OPUS VIP host Jana Mabel, Opus manager Rodel Rogado


KELLY Misa


PAOLO and Nena Trillo, Apples Aberin, Eric Quizon

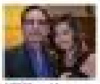

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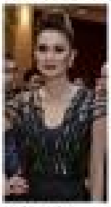

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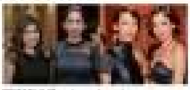

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PETER and Annie Torres Blakeslee


PMAP president Pierremelo Baranda


TRESEMME assistant brand manager Nadia Revilla, Unilever PMA media services and activation manager Nikki Abella, Mia Ayesa, Danica Cabrera


CARLO Romero, Patty Bautista, Wendy Talarrada

Famed makeup guru . . .



FROM TOP: Nars x Andy Warhol Self-Portraits eye makeup palette; the launch party setup at Selfridges; final models sporting looks from the collection

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dated Nars to Madonna, with whom he would later collaborate on her controversial book, "Sex."

Nars' love for fashion and makeup was sparked early on by his mother and two elegant grandmothers whom he spoke so fondly of. She could've been a movie star, he said of his mother, a woman who wore chic designer clothes and made heads turn when she walked the streets. "Whenever she picked me up from school, all my friends said, 'Your mother is so beautiful.' That was flattering. She has aged, but there's still this fresh look about her."

First gig

In fact, it was Nars' mother who got him his first gig as a makeup artist's assistant. He would later attend the Carita makeup school in Paris.

In 1994, Nars launched his eponymous makeup line consisting of 12 lipsticks with cheeky names. Nars Cosmetics' witty product names—Casino, Deep Throat, Orgasm, and the most famous, Orgasm—came from his sense of humor and the handiwork of Nars himself. He said he keeps a small notebook to write down product name ideas. "Names never forget a name," he said. "It's more personal than just calling something by a number or a specific color."

Cash strapped, Nars shot the first campaign for his brand, an accidental dalliance with photography that he would later prefer into a secondary career. Apart from his makeup books, Nars has also published books on his photography—with a couple more in the works.

"I find that photography and makeup have the same goal: to make that person look great. You choose the lighting, the best angle and expression," he said. "In a very basic, simple way, my philosophy is to make women beautiful, even when I'm doing crazy makeup for shoots or the runway. I don't just dress in something and forget about the woman."

On people's obsession with anti-aging, Nars said: "I come from a country where people are very afraid to age. It's harder on women because a lot have their careers, especially in Hollywood. Very few people are like Meryl Streep who can still get work after a certain age… Plastic surgery is a good thing if used the right way.

"I've gone overboard and become obsessed, and they end up not looking right. It's our society that's always looking for youth. If you take good care of yourself, the way you live your life… Wrinkles are a beautiful thing, but society doesn't allow that."

This man who has worked on the most beautiful faces on the runways and magazine covers has a simple advice for women to enhance their natural beauty. "Fall in love!" he said. "A woman in love is always more beautiful."

Then, he added in jest, "If you're not in love, there's always Nars."



NARS Cosmetics CEO Louis Desazars, François Nars' book and product signing at Siam Paragon Bangkok



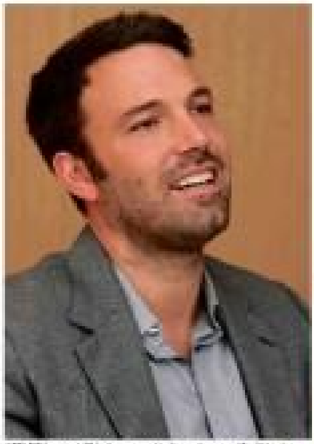
BEAUTIFUL Darling set from the Nars x Andy Warhol collection, which comes in a silver deluxe cosmetics bag

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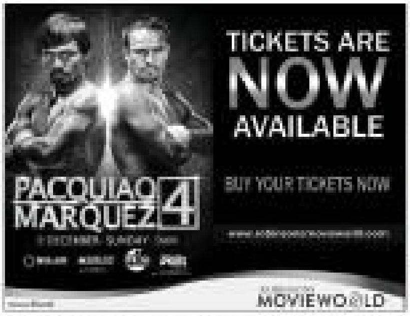


Saigon beckons again

Experienced stars show newbies that it's okay to audition for a worthy part











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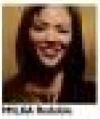
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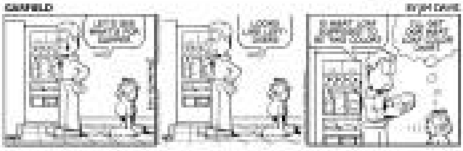
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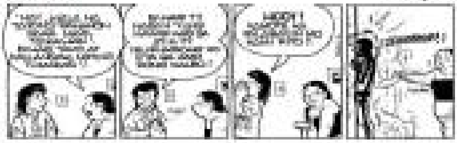
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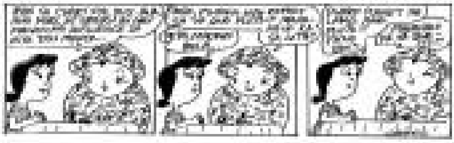
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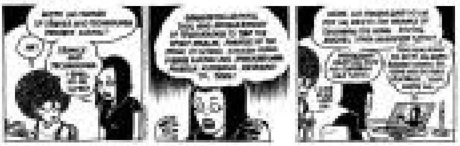
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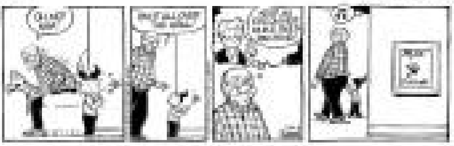
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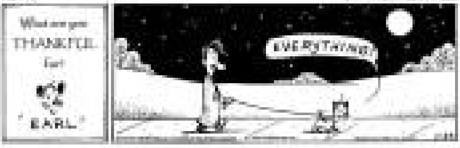
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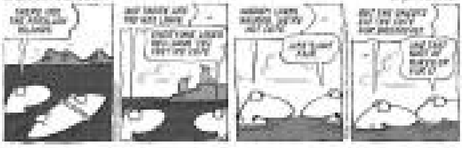
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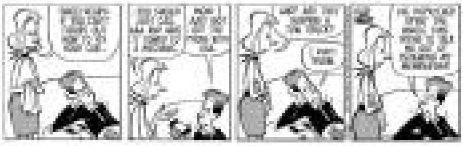
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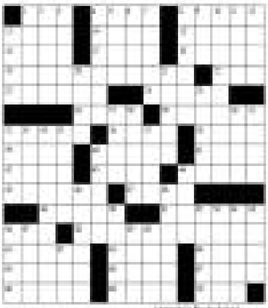
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Tony Veloria, 60: Friends remember a true visionary

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Indie filmmakers...

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ERICH Gonzales in "Mariposa"

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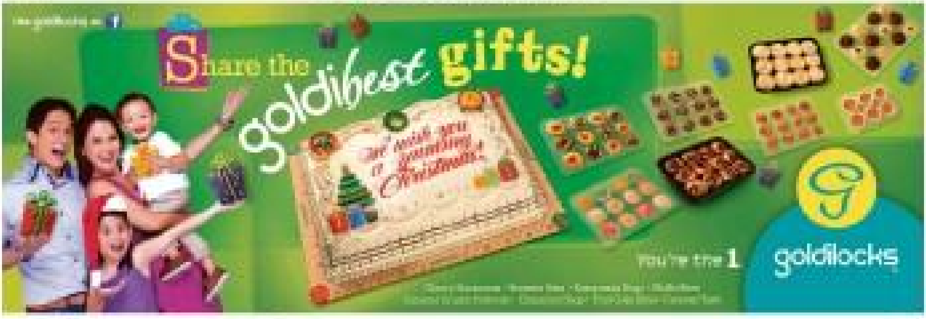
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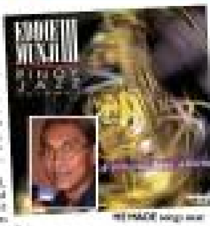


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The genius of Eddie Munji III

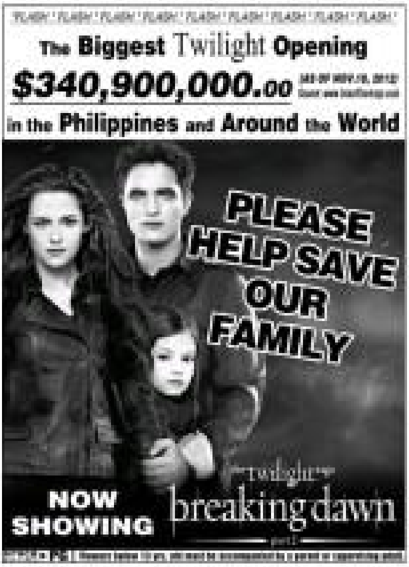


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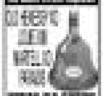
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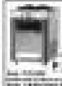
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Her body lies at the Camp Crame Chapel and will be transferred to Manaoag, Pangasinan on November 24 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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Ultimate makeover needed to make the Philippines 'beauty capital' of Asia

By [illegible]

THERE are those who say that the Philippines has everything it needs to become Asia's beauty capital—Western-trained plastic surgeons and specialists in Aesthetic Medicine; advanced medical facilities; competent and caring nurses and other health professionals; lower cost of cosmetic and aesthetic procedures; proficiency in English; and relaxing, picturesque, tropical destinations for patients recovering from treatments.

While medical tourism in the Philippines has not taken off as soon as the healthcare industry has hoped, there is still a lot of optimism. The Philippine healthcare sector's biggest players continue to invest in technology, equipment, and quality professionals, believing in the country's huge potential as a medical tourism destination.

Fortunately, while the Philippines' growth as a medical tourism destination has been slow, it remains steady, consistent, and encouraging for investors. It would be good to look at the strengths that the Philippines possesses in terms of beauty, cosmetic, and aesthetic treatments as well as the challenges it needs to hurdle in order for it to become the beauty capital that the industry is aiming for.

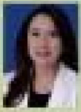
Aesthetic centers

The Philippines' top government and private hospitals are equipped with the most modern medical equipment available today. In general, the Philippines' top hospitals would have equipment that are at par with, if not better than hospitals in the U.S. and Europe. Such equipment are acquired from the same top suppliers that the best hospitals in other countries also source from.

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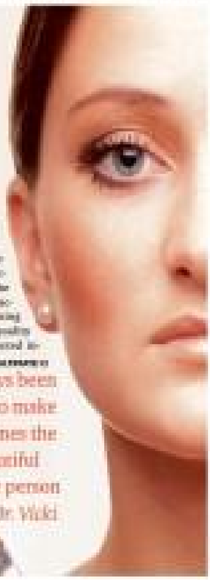
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Ultimate makeover needed...

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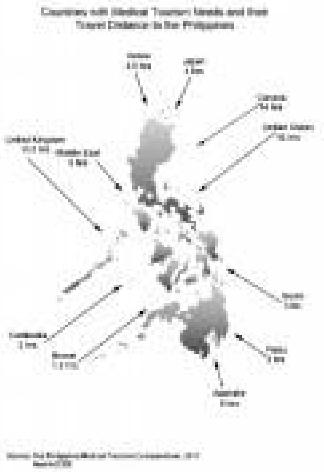
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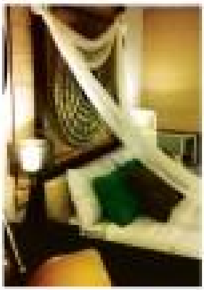


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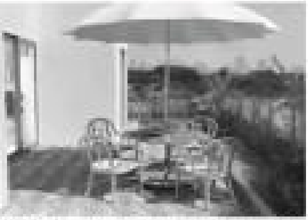




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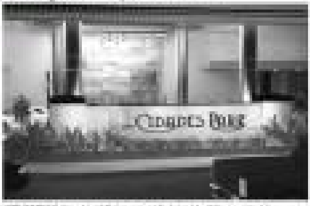
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A New Concept of Living in PH's Busiest Business District

By Joel R. Rigos

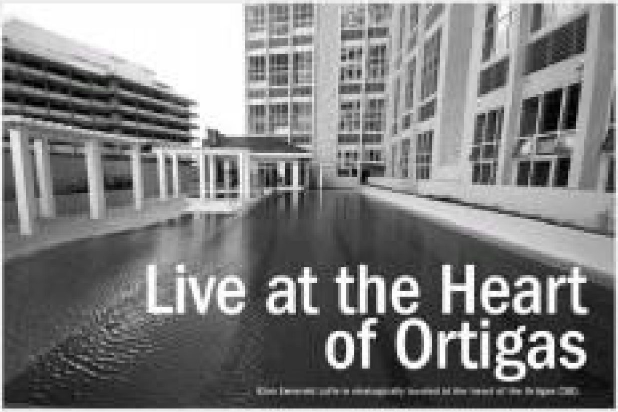


TRAVELERS, especially when they are in a bustling financial district, often require a lot from the places they stay in. First is convenience, which means that the hotel or the residence should be easily accessible to both public and private transportation or by foot to commercial establishments, multinational offices, shopping centers, banks, or other places essential to their needs.

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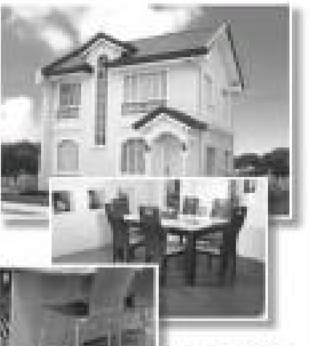
ETON EMERALD Lofts is one of the remarkable developments of Eton Properties Philippines, Inc. (EPPI). Standing at the corner of Emerald and Garnet streets in Ortigas, one of the country's major business districts, it is just 40 minutes away from the Makati CBD and the Bonifacio Global City in Taguig.

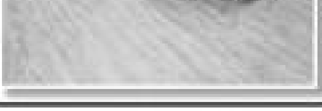
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